

What is Ticket to Work?

The Ticket to Work (TTW) is a Social Security Administration (SSA) program for people ages 18 to 64 who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or both. The goal is to offer choices in Vocational Rehabilitation services and assist SSI/SSDI beneficiaries to enter the workforce and to gain more independence.

- All eligible SSI & SSDI recipients will receive a Ticket in the mail.
- Under TTW, SSA will pay a State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agency such as DOR, or an Employment Network (EN) for providing you with services that lead to successful employment.
- Use of the Ticket is voluntary. You decide if and when to use the Ticket.



Will My Benefits Be Safeguarded?

The TTW program offers Continuing Disability Review (CDR) protection. Recipients that have assigned their ticket to DOR or an EN and meet required guidelines may not be scheduled for a Continuing Disability Review.

“Section 301” SSA rules also apply. Under Section 301, if you are working toward a vocational goal, and a CDR finds that you are medically improved, SSA will likely continue your entitlement while you finish your program with DOR.

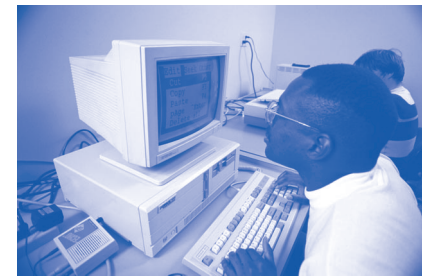
“You will find within the Department of Rehabilitation, a teammate...to help you reach your goals of employment, independence and equality.”

*Thomas Cronin
SSI recipient/DOR consumer*

Why Choose DOR?

DOR has successfully provided extensive vocational rehabilitation services to consumers for forty years and has more than 120 offices located throughout the state.

- DOR has highly trained rehabilitation counselors to help you reach your goals. Along with their knowledge of general Vocational Rehabilitation services, DOR counselors can provide information on medical insurance, child care needs and accessibility issues.



- DOR offers the widest range of employment and support services such as:
 - Counseling and Guidance
 - Training
 - Comprehensive Assessments
 - Transportation
 - Interpreter Services
 - Assistive Technology
 - Job Coaching
- Our commitment to quality services means we have partnerships with the best service providers in the State.
- We can conduct comprehensive assessments, which can help you and your counselor pick the best path for reaching your employment goal.
- DOR has many long-standing relationships with local and statewide employers that provide significant job opportunities for our consumers.

Call DOR today to learn more!

What To Do Next

If you are currently a DOR consumer, please contact your DOR counselor for more information about the TTW program.

If you are interested in applying for DOR services and want to learn more about the TTW program, contact DOR at:

1-866-449-2730 (V)
1-866-359-7705 (TTY)

For additional information about TTW go to:
www.yourtickettowork.com

Common Fears and Fact About Work Benefits

Fear: If I start working, my benefits will stop or my income will go down.

Fact: SSI/SSDI Work Incentives allow for continuation of benefits for a period of time.

Fear: I can't work because I can't afford to lose my health care insurance.

Fact: Health care (MediCare and MediCal) can continue even if a person is working.

Fear: If I go to work and my benefits stop, I'll get sick again and have a hard time getting back on benefits.

Fact: SSA expedited reinstatement can allow an individual to receive benefits while a new claim is being processed.

**DOR can help you access
benefits counseling!**



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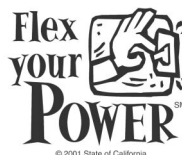
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